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1. A system, comprising:
- a portable computer including a keyboard, a display, a housing, a computer electrical connector and a computer mechanical connector; and
- a recorded media storage and playback device including a housing, a speaker, a storage and playback device electrical connector configured to mate with the computer electrical connector and a storage and playback device mechanical connector configured to mate with the computer mechanical connector;
- 10 the computer electrical connector, computer mechanical connector, storage and playback device electrical connector and storage and playback device mechanical connector being arranged such that the computer electrical connector will mate with the storage and playback device electrical connector when the computer mechanical connector mates with the storage and playback device mechanical connector.
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2. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the computer electrical connector and the storage and playback device electrical connector comprise USB connectors.
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3. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the portable computer housing includes a first housing portion and a second housing portion pivotable relative to the first housing portion between an open position and a closed position.
4. A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the keyboard is mounted on the first housing portion and the display is mounted on the second housing portion.
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5. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the computer housing includes a handle and the computer electrical connector and computer mechanical connector are both associated with the handle.

6. A system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the computer housing handle defines a portion of an overall device handle and the storage and playback device defines a remainder of the overall device handle.

7. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recorded media storage and playback device comprises a digital storage medium and a digital decoder.

8. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one speaker comprises a pair of speakers and the speakers are movable between respective storage positions and use positions.

9. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein computer mechanical connector comprises a latch and the storage and playback device mechanical connector comprises a latch aperture.

10. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the computer housing is connected to the storage and playback device housing when the computer mechanical connector mates with the storage and playback device mechanical connector.

11. A portable computer, comprising:
a main housing;
a keyboard and a display associated with the main housing; and
a handle associated with the main housing and including an electrical connector and a mechanical connector.

12. A portable computer as claimed in claim 11, wherein the electrical connector comprises a USB connector.

13. A portable computer as claimed in claim 11, wherein the mechanical connector comprises a latch that is biased to a lock position.

14. A portable computer as claimed in claim 11, wherein the latch includes a button that, when depressed, moves the latch to an unlock position.

15. A portable computer as claimed in claim 11, wherein the handle defines a surface that faces away from the main housing and the electrical connector and mechanical connector are associated with the surface.

16. A portable recorded media storage and playback device for use with a portable computer having a computer mechanical connector and a computer electrical connector, the portable media recording and playback device comprising:

a housing;

a speaker;

a storage and playback device electrical connector configured to mate with the computer electrical connector; and

a storage and playback device mechanical connector configured to mate with the computer mechanical connector;

the storage and playback device electrical connector and storage and playback device mechanical connector being arranged such that the computer electrical connector will mate with the storage and playback device electrical connector when the computer mechanical connector mates with the storage and playback device mechanical connector.

17. A portable recorded media storage and playback device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the speaker comprises a pair of speakers, the device further comprising:

a pair of slidable arms on which the speakers are respectively mounted, the slidable arms being movable between respective storage positions substantially within the housing and respective use positions substantially outside the housing.

18. A portable recorded media storage and playback device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the slidable arms are flexible, have a preset curvature and, when in the use positions, extend substantially perpendicularly from the housing.

19. A portable recorded media storage and playback device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the housing comprises first side and a second side opposite the first and the storage and playback device electrical connector is associated with the first side, the device further comprising:

5 a control panel associated with the second side of the housing.

20. A portable recorded media storage and playback device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the storage and playback device mechanical connector comprises at least one housing aperture.

21. A system, comprising:

a portable computer including a housing, a keyboard, a display and a computer electrical connector; and

a recorded media storage and playback device including a housing, a speaker and a media storage and playback device electrical connector;

the portable computer and recorded media storage and playback device being respectively configured such that the recorded media storage and playback device is fixedly mountable on or within the portable computer and, when so mounted, the computer electrical connector will mate with the media storage and playback device electrical connector.

22. A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the portable computer housing defines an exterior and the recorded media storage and playback device is mountable on the exterior of the housing.

23. A system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the portable computer housing includes a latch and the recorded media storage and playback device includes a corresponding latch aperture.

24. A system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the computer housing includes a handle and the computer electrical connector is associated with the handle.

25. A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the recorded media storage and playback device comprises a digital storage medium and a digital decoder.

26. A system, comprising:

5 a portable computer including a main housing having a handle, a display housing pivotable relative to the main housing between an open position and a closed position, a keyboard associated with the main housing, a display associated with the display housing, a computer electrical connector mounted on the handle and a computer latch device mounted on the handle; and

10 a recorded media storage and playback device including a housing, a digital storage medium, a pair of arms movable between respective storage positions substantially within the housing and respective use positions substantially outside the housing, a pair of speakers mounted on the arms, a storage and playback device electrical connector configured to mate with the computer electrical connector and a housing aperture configured to mate with the computer latch device;

15 the computer electrical connector, computer latch device, storage and playback device electrical connector and storage and playback housing aperture being arranged such that the computer electrical connector will mate with the storage and playback device electrical connector when the computer latch device mates with the storage and playback device housing aperture.

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